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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 October 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05 October 2004 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

Figures 3 and 4 should be designated by a legend such as --Prior Art-- because only that which is old is illustrated. See MPEP § 608.02(g). Corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The replacement sheet(s) should be labeled "Replacement Sheet" in the page header (as per 37 CFR 1.84(c)) so as not to obstruct any portion of the drawing figures. If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kimura et al., 5,588,807.

Kimura '807 discloses a swash plate type variable displacement compressor with a discharge chamber 4b, a suction chamber 4a, and a crank chamber 2a, a displacement control valve (figs. 1, 5, 6) disposed in a discharge pressure supply passageway (23, 24), a fixed restriction orifice Oa in part of a pressure relief passageway 23, 24 formed within the control valve (see fig. 5), the control valve being

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controlled in opening/closing operation to adjust a pressure in the crank chamber to control a piston stroke (col. 3, ll. 18-65), wherein parts of the discharge pressure supply and pressure relief passageways are formed as a common passageway 24 communicating with an end of the crank chamber.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicants' admission in view of Kimura '807.

Applicant discloses that there is known in the prior art a variable displacement compressor 50 having a discharge chamber 64, suction chamber 65, crank chamber 55, discharge pressure supply passageway (p. 4, ll. 8-10) with control valve 10 within this passageway, a pressure relief passageway (p. 4, ll. 10-12) with fixed orifice 83 within this passageway, the control valve being used to adjust the pressure in the crank chamber and control a piston stroke (p. 2, l. 16 – p. 4, l. 7), wherein a part 66 of the discharge pressure supply passageway is formed through a bearing 77 for a compressor main shaft 56 and a part of the pressure relief passageway includes a gas chamber 84 formed at a shaft end extended portion of a compressor main shaft (fig. 3).

Applicants' own admission does not include the following claimed limitations taught by Kimura '807: a part of discharge pressure supply passageway 23, 24 and a

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part of pressure relief passageway 23, 24 are formed as a common passageway 24 in order to suppress the circulation of gas in the crank chamber, thus suppressing the discharge of lubricating oil (col. 6, ll. 6-11) thereby increasing the heat exchange effectiveness of the condenser and evaporator in the air conditioning assembly and increasing the compressor's cooling efficiency (col. 1, ll. 46-56).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified Kimura '026 with Kimura '807 in order to increase the cooling efficiency of the air conditioner (col. 1, ll. 46-56).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Patrick Hamo whose telephone number is 571-272-3492. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ehud Gartenberg can be reached on 571-272-4828. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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